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TO Chief, EE
FROM Chief of Base, Berlin

DATE 29 Jan 1957

INFO: CCB/G

SUBJECT GENERAL Operational/REDOX
SPECIFIC Mail Cover in the United States

Reference: EOBA 38394

1. Enclosed please find a photocopy of an airmail envelope addressed to "Mr. Mrs. Alicja KRAJENKA, Warszawa, Pulawska 12b 15, Poland," bearing 15¢ airmail postage, postmarked Hartford Conn., Nov 19, 1956. Unfortunately the return address had been torn from the envelope before we received it. The details concerning this are set forth in the reference.

2. In connection with the developmental aspects of a possible operation, the details of which will be submitted as early as feasible, we need to identify the sender of this envelope, if at all possible. Therefore we suggest that a mail cover be placed at the point of mailing in the United States.

3. It is realized that this type of mail cover is an unusual one in that nearly all mail covers are placed on incoming mail, the watch being placed on a specific person or address. Nevertheless it is felt that with the cooperation of key people on the field level of the Post Office such a watch could be established without delaying, interfering or tampering with the mail in any way. The field level of the Post Office as opposed to the Departmental level is stressed because too often on the higher level, bureaucrats in such an old line agency react only by quoting

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the Postal Laws and Regulations and thereby expressing their regrets at their inability to help. Whereas on the field level with the cooperation of the right people one can accomplish very many so-called "highly irregular" operations in connection with monitoring mail.

4. It is suggested that the following steps be taken:

a. Through liaison, preferably on the Post Office Field level, i.e., in this case Hartford, Connecticut, contact should be made with a local Post Office Inspector, by the nearest KSCMA representative who as a law enforcement type, usually enjoys good professional relations with a sister service representative. He should request a cover on outgoing airmail addressed to Warsaw, Poland. Normally such watch would be placed on the Air Mail Secondary Distribution case, Outgoing Mails Division. The object of this would be to attempt to locate mail addressed to the addressee referred to in paragraph one above. One way which could be suggested to the Post Office Inspector would be to arrange to have Hartford Post Office Supervisors on the workroom floor check the outgoing distribution (probably only 1 box) before periodic tieouts looking for mail addressed to Warsaw and then the specific address concerned. The volume should not be very heavy. None of the Post Office personnel should or need be told of any outside agency interest. It is common practice for a Post Office Inspector to request mail covers of all types in connection with their normal duties. One of the common type of covers placed on foreign mail is the type placed on mail suspected of containing lottery material, i.e., Irish Sweepstakes mail.

b. The personnel concerned need only copy accurately both the complete return address on the envelope and the complete address of the person or persons for whom the mail is intended.

c. Period of cover should be for at least 60 days.

5. It is realized that there is no assurance that the letter we are looking for will necessarily be mailed in the Hartford area but it is felt that the effort is worthwhile in this case. The postmark on the attachment indicates that the letter reached the General Post Office and was cancelled on Machine No. 1, which should mean that the letter was deposited in the Hartford area and not at the Airmail field.

6. Prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

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